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EFFECT ON CREWS' DISCIPLINE OF PROTRACTED
REPAIRS TO SOVIET SHIPS IN AMERICAN PORTS

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[According to][a] the preliminary plan of ship repairs in American ports during the autumn and winter period [2 groups unrecovered] of a total [C% number] of more than 70 units 25 fishing boats and two ice-breakers will require repairs. The majority of these vessels are planning repairs which will take more than 50 [B% days]. It has been noted that protracted repairs and [2 groups unrecovered] [B% ashore] [1 group unrecovered] drop in the efficiency of repairs carried out by the crew [SAMOREMONT]. Inactivity has acted as a cause of [C% demoralisation] of individual persons and also of acts of treason. With a view to avoiding a lowering of discipline [2 groups unrecovered] vessels

[23 groups unrecovered]

PLANT [ZAVOD][111] to take off and send home the crew with the exception of the captain, chief and second mates, chief, second and third engineers and the boatswain.

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2. Members of crews of ships due for less protracted repairs, who are not engaged on repairs to their ships

[22 groups unrecoverable]

as opportunity offers

[41 groups unrecoverable]

T.N.: [a] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [1] Not at present available. *M.S. Dec #307 of 20/9/44.*

[11] DAR: Grigorij KASPAROV.

[111] ZAVOD: the Soviet Consulate-General in NEW YORK.
